

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 90-452-G/91-011-G/91-563-G - ORDER NO. 91-888

OCTOBER 15, 1991

IN RE: Docket No. 90-452-G - Hearing to Address)	
the Continuation of the Industrial Sales)	
Programs of Peoples Natural Gas Company,)	
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company,)	
and South Carolina Pipeline Corporation)	
)	ORDER
IN RE: Docket No. 91-011-G - Annual Review of)	GRANTING
Purchased Gas Recovery Procedures and Gas)	MOTION TO
Purchasing Policies of South Carolina)	CONSOLIDATE
Pipeline Corporation)	
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IN RE: Docket No. 91-563-G - Application of South)	
Carolina Pipeline Corporation for a Certi-)	
ficate of Public Convenience and Necessity)	
Authorizing the Construction, Operation,)	
and Maintenance of a Liquefied Natural Gas)	
Satellite Facility in Orangeburg County,)	
South Carolina.)	
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This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the motion of South Carolina Pipeline Corporation (Pipeline) to consolidate for hearing and decision its recently filed Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of a Liquefied Natural Gas Satellite Facility in Orangeburg County, South Carolina (LNG Application) with its Hearing to Address the Continuation of its Industrial Sales

Program (ISP) and Annual Review of its Purchased Gas Recovery Procedures and Gas Purchasing Policies (PGA).¹ In addition, Pipeline seeks to expedite the consolidated proceeding so that, if its LNG Application is granted, it can begin construction of its LNG facility. Pipeline asserts that, if granted, its LNG facility will lower its cost of gas supplies and, therefore, its LNG Application is relevant to the issues to be addressed at the ISP and PGA hearing. Presently, Pipeline's ISP and PGA hearing is scheduled for October 30-31, 1991.²

After consideration of Pipeline's assertion that its proposed LNG facility would likely affect the cost of its gas and would, therefore, be relevant to the pending ISP and PGA hearing, the Commission finds that the hearing and decision in Docket Nos. 90-452-G and 91-011-G should be consolidated for hearing and decision purposes with Docket No. 91-563-G. Accordingly, the Commission grants Pipeline's Motion to Consolidate.

Furthermore, the Commission recognizes that Pipeline desires to begin the construction of its LNG facility as expeditiously as possible. On the other hand, the Commission recognizes that appropriate notice and a period of discovery are pre-requisites to

1. By Notice dated November 15, 1990, the Commission informed all parties of record that it decided to combine the ISP and PGA Dockets for hearing purposes.

2. By Notice dated August 8, 1991, the Commission informed all parties of record that testimony regarding the ISP and PGA Dockets would be heard separately. Upon further reflection, the Commission has determined that ISP & PGA will remain consolidated as indicated by the Notice of November 15, 1990, and that the parties need not file separate testimony under each docket number.

a hearing on the LNG Application. While it will grant the Motion to Expedite, the Commission instructs the Commission Staff to schedule a hearing date which will allow sufficient time for proper notice to all customers and which will permit all parties adequate time for discovery in regard to the LNG Application.

In conclusion, the Commission orders as follows:

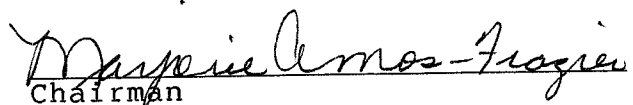
1. The hearing and decision on Pipeline's LNG Application are hereby consolidated for hearing and decision purposes with the ISP and PGA dockets.

2. The ISP and PGA hearing presently scheduled for October 30-31, 1991, is hereby continued.

3. The Commission Staff shall schedule the consolidated proceeding in accordance with the directions of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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